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Grant for Victory House grows from Congressman Dent's faith-based funding summit

WASHINGTON, D.C. —U.S. Representative Charlie Dent (PA-15) today announced the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) in coordination with their Faith Based and Community Initiatives (FBCI) office has awarded \$75,000 to the Victory House of the Lehigh Valley.

Victory House, located in Bethlehem, provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to men who are working through rehabilitation and outpatient treatment programs. The facility provides services such as job training and permanent housing opportunities to help these men improve their quality of life.

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"Faith-based and community organizations continue to play a vital part in serving the needy populations of the Lehigh Valley," Congressman Dent said. "I am quite pleased that Victory House has been awarded this funding. The noble mission of Victory House provides the opportunity for homeless men to obtain the necessary skills to become positive, active participants in our community."

The awarded grant will be utilized for Project EARN (Employment Assistance Reaching Needs), an 18-month comprehensive employment assistance program. Project EARN will enhance Victory House's existing

relationship with Lehigh Valley Career Link (LVCL) and other community employment service providers.

“This funding adds another piece to our pie of services we can offer homeless men in order to return to self sufficiency,” said Pat DiLuzio, executive director of Victory House.

In March 2006, Congressman Dent hosted the first Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Forum in Allentown. Over 60 participants attended this workshop to learn how their organization might be able to secure federal funds. Victory House was one of those organizations.

Congressman Dent represents Pennsylvania’s 15th District, which includes all or parts of Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery and Berks counties.

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